

## **REMARKS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action dated February 3, 2009 (Office Action).

### **I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Office Action indicated that claim 6 “would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims” (Office Action, page 2).

### **II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Koch (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0146994), Jong (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,250), Nakamura (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0015550), and Creamer et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0267527).

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were amended to recite the claimed subject matter of allowable claim 6 and are allowable over the cited references for at least this reason. Claim 6 is cancelled. Assignee respectfully requests withdrawal of these claim rejections.

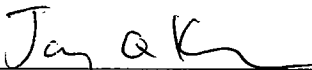
Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-20, and 22-29 depend from the allowable independent claims. The dependent claims are allowable for at least this reason. Assignee respectfully requests withdrawal of these claim rejections.

### CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons presented above, the Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

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